



Deployed Nurses

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Questions	Answers
What do I need to do to have my license Active again if it lapsed while I was deployed?	You must submit a request for an “Actively Deployed Application” with a copy of the military orders which were in place when your license lapsed and no later than six (6) months after discharge from active service or return to inactive military status.
What do I do after I submit my request for an Actively Deployed Application?	Based on the orders you submit, if you are eligible for the Actively Deployed Application, one will be sent to you in the manner you request: email, mail, or fax.
Do I need to have Continuing Education (CE)?	Yes. You will need to demonstrate having earned adequate CE for the renewal of the license had you not been actively deployed. If you did not earn enough CE prior to being actively deployed, you may earn CE while your request for an Actively Deployed Application is considered.
How many CE hours do I need?	Typically, twenty-four (24) hours of CE are required for license renewal. However, nurses licensed during the licensure period (i.e., New Graduates, Endorsements) may have a prorated amount of CE for the first renewal. If you are unsure how much CE you are required to demonstrate, you may request that this information be communicated to you when you submit your request for an Actively Deployed Application.
If I earn CE in the current CE earning/renewal period to have my license reinstated or renewed following being actively deployed, may I use that toward the next renewal?	No, you may not use that CE toward the next renewal of your license. You should take care to ensure that those CE hours that you earn in the current renewal period are not present on your Individual CE Record for the next renewal.
Do I have to pay any extra fees to reinstate my license that lapsed while I was deployed?	No. If you held an active Alabama nursing license and were actively deployed whenever the United States military is engaged in active military operations against any foreign power, your license may be reinstated or renewed without penalty or payment of the reinstatement or late fee.
What if I was an Advanced Practice Nurse (APN) when I was actively deployed and I want to reinstate that approval as well?	First, you must have an active RN license in order to reinstate AP approval. Otherwise, you will have to meet all other requirements to reinstate your AP approval, including Pharmacology CE, and payment of the reinstatement fee.